Distribution of disused land to farm labourers

1137. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of acres of cultivable land are in disuse throughout the country;

(b) whether Government proposed to distribute the land in disuse to landless farm labourers; and

(c) if so, the details of action proposed in this regard in the interest of farm labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Introduction of revised Investment Promotion Scheme

1138. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a revised Investment Promotion Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the revised guidelines of IPS restructuring the old scheme;

(c) the number of project proposals received from States, State-wise; and

(d) the number of farmers benefited, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS) was launched during 1994-95 to mobilize resources from Financial Institutions, Banks, Corporate Bodies including user industries for the development of non-forest wastelands belonging to Central and State Governments, Panchayats, Village Communities and Private farmers.